

September 14, 2025: On What Would Orwell Think?



https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Homage_to_Catalonia

Chapter three

In the hills around Zaragoza, Orwell experiences the "mingled boredom and discomfort of stationary warfare," the mundaneness of a situation in which "each army had dug itself in and settled down on the hill-tops it had won."

Chapter four

After some three weeks at the front, Orwell and the other English militiaman in his unit, Williams, join a contingent of fellow Englishmen sent out by the Independent Labour Party to a position at Monte Oscuro, within sight of Zaragoza.

In this new position he witnesses the sometimes propagandistic shouting between the Rebel and Loyalist trenches and hears of the fall of Málaga. "... every man in the militia believed that the loss of Malaga was due to treachery. It was the first talk I had heard of treachery or divided aims. It set up in my mind the first vague doubts about this war in which, hitherto, the rights and wrongs had seemed so beautifully simple."

Chapter five (orig. ch. 6)

He makes reference to the lack of "religious feeling, in the orthodox sense," and that the Catholic Church was, "to the Spanish people, at any rate in Catalonia and Aragon, a racket, pure and simple. And possibly Christian belief was replaced to some extent by Anarchism"

The latter portion of the chapter briefly details various operations in which Orwell took part: silently advancing the Loyalist frontline by night, for example.

Chapter six (orig. ch. 7)

Orwell takes part in a "holding attack" on Huesca, designed to draw the Nationalist troops away from an Anarchist attack on "the Jaca road."

He suspects two of the bombs he threw may have killed their targets, but he cannot be sure.

They capture the position and pull back with captured rifles and ammunition, but Orwell laments that they fled too hurriedly to bring back a telescope they had discovered, which Orwell sees as more useful than any weapons.

Chapter seven (orig. ch. 8)

Orwell shares memories of the 115 days he spent on the war front, and its influence on his political ideas, "... the prevailing mental atmosphere was that of Socialism ... the ordinary class-division of society had disappeared to an extent that is almost unthinkable in the money-tainted air of England ... the effect was to make my desire to see Socialism established much more actual than it had been before."^[26] By the time he left Spain, he had become a "convinced democratic Socialist."

The chapter ends with Orwell's arrival in Barcelona on the afternoon of 26 April 1937. "And after that the trouble began."

JUST STOP ALREADY. YOUR PLOTS ARE TIRED AND YOUR EFFORTS ARE FUTILE. END YOUR QUEST TO RE-FORM SOCIETY AND RETURN TO THE WAY OF HEAVEN AND EARTH SO THAT WE, THE PEOPLE, CAN MANIFEST OUR OWN WILL THROUGH OUR LOYAL POLITICAL REPRESENTATIVES (IF YOU WOULD STOP EXTORTING THEM!)

I JUST RETURNED HERE FROM MALAGA, SPAIN AND LET ME ASSURE ANYONE THAT EVER READS THIS - THE FREEMASONS PLAYED A CRUCIAL ROLE IN THE SPANISH CIVIL WAR AND THEY LEFT THE COUNTRY IN A POOR STATE OF MIND. ANY PROPAGANDA PRAISING SPAIN IS MISSING THE FACT THAT ITS PEOPLE ARE MORE RUDE, MORE ANGRY, AND MORE MISERABLE THAN ANYONE I EVER ENCOUNTERED IN MY COMMUNITY HERE IN SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, USA. ELON MUSK, DONALD TRUMP, GTFO OF OUR NEIGHBORHOODS, GTFO OF OUR LIVES!